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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN CONCLUDES VISIT TO IRAN

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1. KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN FLEW TO LONDON ON JULY 10 AFTER A 13-DAY PRIVATE VISIT TO IRAN AS GUEST OF THE SHAH. THE KING'S ENTOURAGE FOR THE LONDON TRIP INCLUDED PRIME MINISTER ZAID RIFAI WHO HAD ARRIVED FROM AMMAN SHORTLY BEFORE HUSSEIN'S PLANE DEPARTED. BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCES CONFIRM THAT TRIP TO LONDON HAD BEEN FIXED WELL IN ADVANCE. QUEEN ALIA FLEW SEPARATELY TO AMMAN THE SAME DAY.

2. EXCEPT FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE COVERAGE, VISIT OF JORDANIAN ROYAL FAMILY ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION FROM MEDIA. ENTIRE VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SPENT AT NOWSHAHR ON CASPIAN SEA WHERE AMBASSADOR HELMS CALLED ON HUSSEIN JULY 5 (REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: PRIVATE VISITS TO IRAN BY KING HUSSEIN AS GUEST OF THE SHAH ARE BECOMING ANNUAL EVENTS. PRIVATE CHARACTER OF VISITS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO IMPLY THAT SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS ARE NOT DISCUSSED. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT TWO MONARCHS ARE PERSONALLY VERY COMPATIBLE AND ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY.

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BUT IN ADDITION THEY ARE BELIEVED TO GIVE SERIOUS JOINT

ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS OF OMAN, THE YEMENS AND ARABIAN
PENINSULA IN GENERAL WHERE TWO LEADERS HAVE COMMON OUTLOOKS
AND INTERESTS.
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